The SWIS Difference

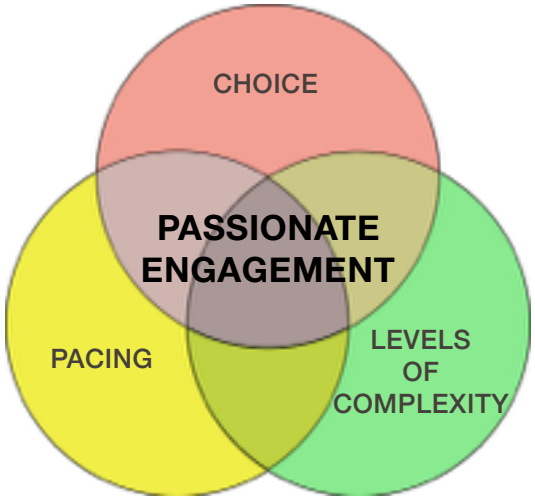
Individualized Self-Directed Learning

Self Directed Learning is when the student takes ownership over how they learn.

The students are guided towards what they are expected to know, but the students get to choose how they find the knowledge. They choose how they learn and how they show their work. The teacher becomes a resource rather than a manager.

With Self Directed Learning, the students make choices about how they learn best: the teacher's role is to hold them accountable for those choices. The choice is never not to work, the choice is how the student wants to work.

The result is a less stressful environment for students and teachers. The students have a variety of ways to show their work and engage further into their studies. Each student is aware of the class schedule and understands exactly what



When is your child actively engaged?
Passionate engagement is most likely when children are free to choose what they do. While young children cannot be autonomous in many ways, kids of all ages can choose what they learn about. Even within a structured curriculum, a great deal of time can be devoted to self-directed learning.

We take advantage of students' interests and passions to fully engage them in learning. This promotes engagement of the whole brain (experience, investigation, knowledge and application) during lessons. Students discover strategies to use when confronting new challenges.

Our classrooms provide the opportunity for students to work at their own pace and level of complexity depending on the subject, the topic within that subject and the strength area of the student. This allows the students to have choices in how they are going to learn the objectives required by Alberta Learning curriculum.

Summit West Independent School offers programs for students from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12.

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Education that goes beyond the classroom

WHY SWIS?

- Smaller class sizes
- Student choice in teaching style increases independence.
- Students utilize their passion areas to complete their work keeping them engaged and motivated.
- 10 acres of green space
- Students feel safe taking risks and sharing their ideas.
- Educating the whole child: emotional, intellectual and physical intelligence.
- Before and After School Care
- Bussing

Tuition

- Grade 4 to Grade 12: $11 500

SUMMIT WEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

Students make learning choices based on their own unique interests. Through the Student-Directed Learning Model students are given the opportunity to learn how they learn best. Students develop research and discovery skills to enable them to become independent problem-solvers ready to embrace future challenges.

Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Program

Students are introduced to letters, numbers, and reading readiness through play-based activities determined by their passion areas. Children are engaged and have fun while learning the fundamentals that will form a solid foundation for their future. We also provide learning through music, physical education activities and field trips.

Lower Elementary Program

The lower elementary program teaches students how to use their interests to complete objectives through our student-directed program. Students become proficient in numeracy and literacy through specialized programs. They learn how to make good choices in their learning to increase retention and personal success while having fun!

Children learn numeracy and literacy through play-based

Hands-on experiences reinforce key concepts and

Applying concepts through experiments increases

Accountability, responsibility and ownership over their

Upper Elementary Program

Students are challenged to become responsible learners by teaching them research skills to discover new information independently. Students determine how long they need to complete their objectives, how they are going to learn the material, and how they will show what they have learned. Through collaboration with teachers and peers, students learn to use resources and manage their time effectively.

Junior High and High School Program

Students in the junior high and high school program take ownership over their learning with the guidance of our High School Director. They learn responsibility and accountability in order to prepare for post-secondary education. The students create their own schedules for the day and participate in teacher conferences to guide their learning.